

Innes Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on
1st February 2023
At Garmouth & Kingston Golf Club

1. **Sederunt;** S. Anderson (Vice Chair, in chair), DG Mackay (Secretary), J. Mackie, P.Fitch, A.Fettes, K. Henderson.
2. **Apologies:** T.Christie, (Chair), C.Dunbar (Treasurer)
3. **In Attendance:** Clr. B. Williams, T.Cattenach, Mz. C. Milne, C.Perkins, M.Cattenach (G & K GC)
4. **Council Report;** Clr. Williams reported that January had been a quiet month, in regard to official Council activities. The December meeting of TMC had agreed that Petitions may be done on-line. There is also the possibility of allowing under sixteens to be eligible to sign..
JM asked the Councillor why the automated response to telephone enquiries is still giving the response from the Covid period.
JM observed that he had had occasion to telephone Trading Standards, and after some time and transfers, was transferred to a TS office in the Central Belt. "Are there no Trading Standard Officers in Moray?"
A general question was that when ,if ever, would full reception facilities be available at Council HQ? Not everyone is happy about or does not have access to a computer for query access. Clr. Williams said he would enquire.
The point was raised that personal contact might actually provide more customer satisfaction, and at a comparable cost to IT referrals, phone calls unanswered etc.
5. Minutes of Meeting held on 1st December 2022: These were proposed as a true and accurate record by P.Fitch, Seconded by K. Henderson.
(Unanimous)
6. Matters arising from #5: None
7. Treasurer's Report: none given due to absence of Treasurer.
8. Correspondance:
 - 1) A letter from Mrs. Bodman requesting to be "kept in the loop" regarding Tiendland Wood Wind Farm proposals.
 - 2) Martin Robertson re change of date of the Transport forum Meeting, due to the sad death of Anita Milne.

- 3) Community Planning awareness. (Copy to JM)
9. Planning: Nothing of local note.
10. Jones of Mosstodloch Development: Note to be kept of Environmental and Planning potential issues. (No response from Mosstodloch Community re a Community awareness Group. DM to follow up)
11. TMC Flood Prevention five year plan has no allowance made for Garmouth & Kingston. Enquiries to be made.
12. JM,AF and TC had a meeting with Richard Lochhead MSP re the River Spey and potential flood threat to farmland and communities. JM reported that Mr. Lochhead was visibly surprised when he saw the actual damage to the West bank of the river, caused by spates and natural erosion.. He advised that the Spey Environmental Partnership have Dr. Moir's report substantiated, and offered help on possible sources of funding. CES have no active policy to protect river banks, and fall back on the broad statement that CES only owns the solum of the river. There is legislation which allows TMC to opt out of physical reaction to flooding. John Grant of TMC has offered practical support, within his remit. JM has approached large Civil Engineering firms to ask them to assess both Dr.Moir's proposals, and TMC plans. Responses are expected. It was suggested to ask Paul Macpherson from Lennox CC to attend the next Meeting, as the East bank of the River is within their boundary.
13. JM has received official answers (From Emergency services)to his query about the recent response to a possible drowning in the Spey. Essil road had been closed, and the initial report had been unsubstantiated. Emergency services stated that there is a mandatory response in place, and has proven to be effective. The location creates access hazards, and all care must be taken to ensure efficiency.
14. AOCB: A general discussion on the 'chaos' in Mosstodloch at school in and out times, and the impact on the infrastructure and environment. DM asked on behalf of G & K residents why bin collections had been so long after Christmas and New Year. Also bin collections had not been completed on the same day, therefore causing a delay elsewhere. The point had been made that there is more waste, salvage and re-cycling over the festive period, and not every resident has access to re-cycling centres for either mobility or health reasons. Clr. Williams said he would look into it.

15. There being no further business, the Acting Chair thanked all for attending and called the next Meeting for Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the G & K Golf Club House.

David G. Mackay

Secretary.